

# MINER LAKE

May 2021

Miner Lake residents (and surrounding neighbors) -

We typically send a brief postcard ahead of our spring and fall meeting. However, we have more detailed topics this season, and we want everyone to be aware.

It is possible some of you are not on the normal Miner Lake Property Owners Association mailing list. For this mailing, we have expanded our list because these topics may be of interest to you, too.

- Interest in Sewer for Miner Lake Area
- Water Quality Report and Planned Treatment of Invasive Plants
- Spring 2021 Association Meeting
- Updated Mailing List

## INTEREST IN SEWER

Over the last few years, The Miner Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA) has received increased interest in installing sewer at Miner Lake. Long-term residents may remember a 2007 attempt that was narrowly voted down.

The 2007 proposed project plan was very complete and detailed, but its cost estimates and certain assumptions are no longer valid.

Given the renewed interest from residents, the Allegan Township Board is willing to fund an updated project plan. They have asked us to survey our residents to determine if a majority are interested.

Your interest in the project plan being updated **does not** indicate any commitment or obligation to a final sewer project. It only tells the Township that we want to know what the actual project would cost.

Anticipated timeline:

- Mid-May 2021: Survey slips (below) sent to residents
- Mid-June 2021: Return of slips and tally
- Mid-June 2021: Report results to Allegan Township
- July 2021: Petition Allegan Township Board to pursue updated plan
- Fall 2021: Review published plan

Action items for you:

1. Please complete the short tear-off survey and return it to the MLPOA President (address on the slip). One response per household.
2. Please visit [www.minerlake.org](http://www.minerlake.org) for additional information in the weeks and months ahead. We will provide opportunity for comment.

## WATER QUALITY REPORT AND TREATMENT OF INVASIVE PLANTS

*Note: The following is a summary. You can read the full article at [www.minerlake.org](http://www.minerlake.org)*

Much like lakes throughout Michigan and the midwest, Miner Lake has experienced the negative effects of invasive plants, including Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort.

Left unchecked, these plants grow more dense and spread to cover additional acreage. They choke out native vegetation and impact normal lake use.

The Miner Lake Improvement Board has purposely taken a cautious approach to herbicide treatments.

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## INTEREST IN AN UPDATED SEWER PLAN FOR MINER LAKE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **SAMPLE COPY**

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_ *Please contact MLPOA if you did not receive a copy by mail*

Parcel Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your form to MLPOA President: Sam Martin, 2467 Lorraine Drive, Allegan, MI 49010

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However, without any treatment, the amount of Eurasian Milfoil in Miner Lake has increased. In 2017, there were 29 acres, and by 2020, that had expanded to 42 acres.

A fall 2020 treatment of Starry Stonewort was approved and demonstrated good results.

Treatment of Eurasian Milfoil was not done in 2020 because treatment needs to occur early in the growing season (late May–early June).

For 2021, the Board made the decision to treat for both Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort.

In late May, ProgressiveAE will complete a mapping assessment to inform the treatment plan. The treatment will be performed by PLM and is estimated to occur in early June. It will address Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort anywhere it is noted in the treatment plan.

The approved treatments were selected for their proven track record, minimal usage restrictions, and overall cost. They include:

- Copper Sulfate for Starry Stonewort
- Tricloyr for Eurasian Milfoil. The granular form is the preferred option, but the decision between liquid or granular will be made based on the treatment plan.

Lake residents will receive an official letter describing the treatment. On the day of treatment, signs will be posted along the shoreline within 100 feet of treatment areas. These signs will indicate what products were used and the specific water use restrictions that apply.

This decision was not taken lightly, but the board is unanimous in its decision to treat the lake this year. Managing these invasive plants will help swimmers, boaters, and anglers fully use and enjoy all areas of the lake.

We encourage residents to make note of presence of these lake plants early in the season so you can help inform us of the treatment effectiveness throughout the summer.

### SPRING ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Spring Association meeting will be **Saturday, May 29**. The meeting is at the Allegan Township hall (3037 118th Ave) and begins at 8:30a.m. with coffee available around 8 a.m.

**Please plan to bring a lawn chair or other seat.** It is likely we will be holding the meeting outdoors due to the current restriction limiting indoor meeting to 25 participants.

We will monitor the restrictions and provide notice if we are allowed to hold our typical indoor meeting.

We will also monitor the weather and provide updates at [www.minerlake.org](http://www.minerlake.org).

The topics include:

- Lake Improvement Board: Water Quality Report
- Update on plant density and invasive species and the plan to treat them
- Information on Sewer Project
- Election of Officers
- Payment of Dues (2020 and 2021)

As a reminder, meetings are held on the Saturday morning before Memorial Day and Labor Day.

### UPDATED MAILING LIST

This letter is being sent to all Miner Lake residents and those in the surrounding area. If we need to correct your entry, please contact the MLPOA Secretary: Helen Setter, 2695 120th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010.

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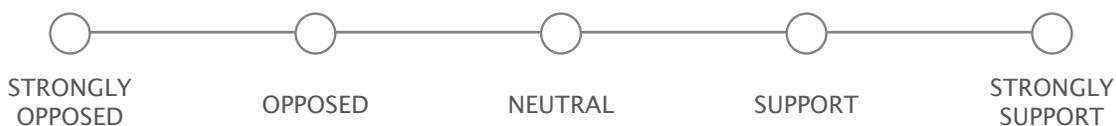
## INTEREST IN AN UPDATED SEWER PLAN FOR MINER LAKE

I am in favor of the Township updating the project plan for sewer for Miner Lake.  
I understand this does not indicate my obligation to a final sewer project.

YES

NO

Right now, my overall feeling about sewer at Miner Lake is:



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